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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In following with Applicants' concurrent submission of a Request for Continued Examination and Petition to Suspend Prosecution on January 17, 2007, Applicants now submit this Preliminary Amendment and Response together with the attached Section 132 Declarations of Jeffrey A. Trogolo, Ph.D. and Frank C. Rossitto, Ph.D., two of the three co-inventors of this application, in resumption of prosecution and for consideration on the merits. The **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2. The **Remarks** begin on page 11. The aforementioned Declarations are appended hereto.